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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 0040

1. AS A SOLUTION TO TRAVEL PROBLEMS FROM LOURENCO MARQUES ON JANUARY 27, WE SUGGEST SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS FROM JOHANNESBURG, FLIGHT 260 ON THAT DAY AT 1915. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT CONNECTING FLIGHTS THERE MAY BE FROM L.M. TO JOHANNESBURG. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WHAT ABOUT THE FLIGHT ROBERT BATES IS TAKING ON THE 27TH FROM L.M. TO LUANDA - DT-800?

2. AS FOR CODEL SCHEDULE, THINGS ARE VERY MUCH UP IN THE AIR HERE AS A RESULT OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE PORTUGUESE AND THE LIBERATION GROUPS AT ALVOR ON JANUARY 15. A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE INSTALLED ON JANUARY 31 AND AS NONE OF THE LIBERATION LEADERS HAS YET RETURNED TO TOWN WE CANNOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEM TO MEET WITH CODEL. WE TENTATIVELY PLAN, IF CODEL DATES FOR LUANDA REMAIN UNCHANGED, TO SET UP THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 28:

9:00 CALL ON HIGH COMMISSIONER

10:00 LIBERATION GROUP

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12:00 LIBERATION GROUP

13:30 LUNCH AT RESTAURANT WITH ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT TYPES

16:00 LIBERATION GROUP

17:30 RETURN TO HOTEL

18:30 RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE

JANUARY 29:

ALL DAY IN CABINDA TO VISIT GULF INSTALLATIONS AND TALK WITH
GULF OFFICIALS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE TRIP TO CABINDA, WE WILL TRY TO MAKE
RESERVATIONS ON THE COMMERCIAL AIRLINE THAT SERVICES THE DISTRICT,
BUT WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SCHEDULES ARE USED AS A GENERAL
GUIDE ONLY AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE CODEL WILL GET TO CABINDA
IN TIME TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM. A TWIN ENGINE CHARTERED PLANE
COSTS A LOT OF MONEY (OVER SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AT THE OFFICIAL
RATE OF EXCHANGE), BUT IT IS THE ONLY MEANS OF ENSURING PROMPT
ARRIVAL AND THE ABILITY TO RETURN WHEN ONE WISHES. THE PLANE
CARRIES FIVE PASSENGERS SO THAT IF THE ENTIRE CODEL AND I WENT
ALONG THE COST DIFFERENTIAL WOULD NOT BE TOO GREAT. FIVE ROUND-
TRIP TICKETS VIA COMMERCIAL AIR WOULD COST ABOUT \$300 DOLLARS.
GULF OFFICES ARE IN LUANDA BUT GULF MANAGER WILL BE IN CABINDA
FOR CODEL VISIT.

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